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Dear Chairman Benachowski

This is a public comment for the
Wright Petition (cc Doclet #96.128)

The phone payment system for
prisoners and their friends - families is
very unfair in PA and the
rest of the country

Phone companies and the doc
are enriching themselves at the
expense of prisoners and their families
who are often poor.

My friend in prison needs
contact with the outside. I
have not been able to talk
with him by phone for
months because of new

procedures and regulations and
high costs. I sent in
\$10 for a pre paid card but
he can not set a call

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CHAIRMAN JULIUS GENACHOWSKI
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
PUBLIC COMMENTS
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DEAR CHAIRMAN J. GENACHOWSKI:

THE TELEPHONE RATE OR CONTRACT THAT GIVES THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (MDOC) MILLIONS IN KICK BACK PROFIT IS NOT ONLY VERY UNFAIR AND WRONG TO US PRISONERS AND OUR FAMILIES, I BELIEVE IF YOU CHECK THE LEGISLATIVE ENACTMENTS JUST PRIOR TO THIS GOVERNOR TAKING OFFICE, I BELIEVE YOU FIND THAT ITS ALSO ILLEGAL TO RELIZE A PROFIT FROM THE INMATE AND/OR THE PRISONER FAMILIES.

WE NOW PAY 18 CENTS & UNKNOWN TAX & CONNECTION FEE, WHEN THE CONTRACT WE HAD WAS .10 CENTS PER MINUTE, PERIOD

WHY DO THE INMATES PAY FOR OFFICER FLAKE JACKETS, TASORS, PRISON PERIMETER CHECKS, ETC WHEN THAT SHOULD BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STATE?

THE PREVIOUS COMPANY THAT ALLOWED CALLS AT .10 PER MINUTE WAS NOT ALLOWED TO BID, NOR WAS THEY AWARE OF IT, THIS WAS A TOTALLY UNDER-HANDED LOBIEST CONTRACT AWARD.

MY PRISON NUMBER IS 35 YEARS OLD TODAY, I REMEMBER WHEN THE PRISON SYSTEM WAS COMPLETELY SELF SUFFICIENT, WHEN THE PRISON I KNEW SYSTEM OF MICHIGAN DIDN'T NEED THE 4.8 BILLION FROM THE GENERAL FUND, THE ROADS WERE KEPT UP, THE SCHOOLS GOT MONEY, AND THE SOCIAL PROGRAMS WERE FUNDED BETTER, BUT THEN NONE OF THE CRIMINALS OF TODAYS STATE GOVERNMENT COULD GET THEIR HANDS ON THE GENERAL FUND LIKE IT DOES NOW.

PLEASE END THE RAPING OF OUR MONIES FOR SOME LOBBIED INTEREST OF THIS GOVERNOR & PRISON SYSTEM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

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- \$42.25 million savings from the closure of the Michigan Reformatory in Ionia, MI;
- \$12.75 million savings through the reduction in funding to the Cost Efficient Housing Initiative aimed at exploring public-private partnerships to reduce the overall cost of prisoner housing;
- \$20.14 million savings by imposing an across-the-board cut to all correctional facilities;
- \$2 million savings from funding adjustments to the County Jail Reimbursement Program;
- \$5 million in health care savings;
- \$13.2 million savings through the elimination of 114.4 FTEs for perimeter security patrols;
- \$2.2 million savings in shifting direct observation duties for suicidal and self-injuries prisoners from staff to trained prisoners;
- \$2.4 million savings through elimination of 32.8 FTEs throughout the department;
- \$34.2 million in full-year savings from closure of Mound Correctional Facility;
- \$7 million increase in funding for bed space needs at operational facilities as a result of facility closures;
- \$4.3 million increase in funding from prisoner phone revenue;
- \$11.36 million funding to finance security-related capital outlay projects, including personal protection devices, TASERS, ballistic vests, security cameras, and contraband detection equipment;
- \$4.5 million funding for the Public Safety Initiative to assist distressed communities with jail space concerns;
- \$3 million increase in funding for new corrections officer training;
- \$3.5 million to maintain closed correctional facilities;
- \$2.4 million increase in funding for information technology management and development; and
- \$4.85 million savings from a reduction in residential housing and prisoner reentry funding for parolees, and elimination of additional correctional facility FTEs.

It's actually 12 million



The House Corrections budget information can be found at the following link:

<http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2012-HB-5383>

through to me.

In the past under the old system which was expensive and bad - any call would constantly be interrupted by recorded messages taking time away from the call.

Please let what you can through the FCC to make phone calls for prisoners affordable and reasonable.

Thank you -

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